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FOR STATUS LNO FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA
AND SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

"DEAR PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA AND SPEAKER HENRY:

WHILE I WILL BE WRITING YOU A LONGER MESSAGE IN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS I AM CABLING YOU NOW TO PERSONALLY INFORM YOU AND
THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MY RESIGNATION AS THE
PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOTIATIONS AS OF THE END OF THE MONTH. I HAVE TAKEN
THIS STEP RELUCTANTLY, AND WITH CONSIDERABLE REGRET. AT
THE SAME TIME, I TAKE LEAVE OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES WITH A
FEELING THAT MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THANKS TO OUR
MUTUAL EFFORTS. OF COURSE, I HAD HOPED THAT THE TIMETABLE
YOU AND LAZARUS AND EKPAP HAD SET FORTH AT OUR APRIL
MEETING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FREE ASSOCIATION NEGOTIA-
TIONS IN TIME FOR THE COMPACT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE
PONAPE SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MIGHT HAVE
BEEN MET. WHILE THIS GOAL WAS NOT

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REALIZED WE NEVERTHELESS CAME MIGHTY CLOSE AND I HOPE YOU

SHARE WITH ME THE GRATIFICATION OF KNOWING THAT THE
REMAINING ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED HAVE BEEN GREATLY
NARROWED. WITH PERSEVERANCE, GOOD WILL AND GOOD FAITH,
FINAL AGREEMENT IS BUT A MATTER OF TIME. AS I RETURN NOW
TO SAN FRANCISCO TO DEVOTE MY FULL TIME AND ENERGY TO THE
ASIA FOUNDATION, YOU MAY BE SURE THAT I WILL TAKE WITH ME
A STRONG FEELING OF AFFECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRON-
ESIA, AND A CONTINUING WARM INTEREST AND CONCERN FOR THEIR
WELFARE. I WILL ALSO TAKE WITH ME THE DESIRE AND THE
DETERMINATION TO CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN IN THE
FUTURE TO THE BUILDING OF EVER STRONGER BONDS OF FRIEND-
SHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES. WITH WARMEST REGARDS TO YOU AND
YOUR COLLEAGUES. SINCERELY YOURS, AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN
WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR
MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS."

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